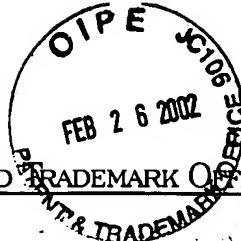


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10/039,228	12/31/2001	Michael T. Tessmer	5102US (01-01-068)

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**Serial No.:** 10/039,228

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**Examiner:** Unknown

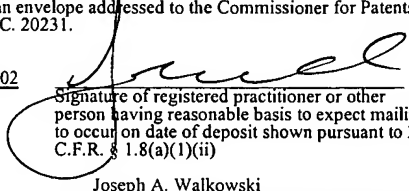
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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Sir:

Attached is a copy of the official filing receipt received from the PTO in the above application. Issuance of a corrected filing receipt in accordance with the annotations on the attached filing receipt copy is respectfully requested.

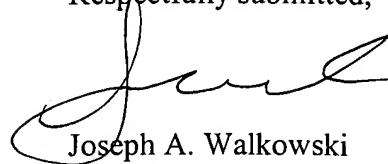
The errors to be corrected are as follows:

In the Title, after "to" change "a player" to --a player--.

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These corrections are not due to any errors by applicants and no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Walkowski', written over the typed name.

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**Applicant(s)**

Michael T. Tessmer, Bozeman, MT;  
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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

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**Projected Publication Date:** To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

**Non-Publication Request:** No

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**Title**

Method and apparatus for providing an advantage to a player in a bonus game  
a player

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Declaration for Patent Application (with Power of Attorney). This document is being filed within two (2) months from the mailing date of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

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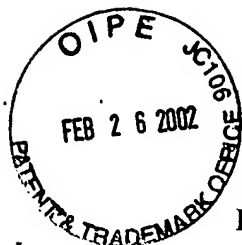
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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

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